

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

Telangana Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Diversion of 0.0201 Ha forest land **(FP/TG/OTHERS/452517/2023)** for Construction of 4G Mobile tower under Govt. of India – Department of Telecommunications – Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) for provision of 4G Mobile service at Jagathraopeta village, Mahabubabad Division, falling in Mahabubabad District, in favour of the General Manager, BSNL, Telangana - Final (Stage.II) approval accorded – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 55
Dated: 10-06-2025
Read the following:-

- 1.From the PCCF(HoFF), T.S, Hyd., Ref.No.PCCF-FC3/FC15/51/2023-FCA Section, Dt:16.10.2023.
 - 2.Govt.Lr.No.4422/For.I(1)/2023, dt:21-10-2023.
 - 3.From the Assistant Inspector General of Forests, GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub Regional Office, Hyderabad, Dt.27.02.2024.
 - 4.From the PCCF (HoFF),TG., Hyd, Rc.No.PCCF-FC3/FC15/51/2023-FCA Section, Dt.02.03.2025.
 - 5.Govt.Letter.No.4422/For.I(1)/2023, Dt.10.03.2025.
 - 6.From the Assistant Inspector General of Forests(C), GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-Office, Hyd., dt.02.06.2025.
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ORDER

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad has furnished a proposal for diversion of 0.0201 Ha forest land for Construction of 4G Mobile tower under Govt. of India – Department of Telecommunications – Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) for provision of 4G Mobile service at Jagathraopeta village, Mahabubabad Division, falling in Mahabubabad District, in favour of the General Manager, BSNL, Telangana.

2. In the letter 3rd read above, the Ministry of Environment & Forests GoI have granted in-principle (Stage-I) approval for the said proposal forwarded vide letter 2nd read above, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated thereof.

3. In the letter 5th read above, the State Government have forwarded the report of compliance on the conditions stipulated by GoI, as submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad in his letter 4th read above, to the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Hyderabad, for according necessary approval.

4. In the letter 6th read above, Central Government have granted final approval for the proposal **(FP/TG/OTHERS/452517/2023)** under Section-2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated therein.

5. Accordingly, Government hereby accord final (Stage-II) approval for diversion of 0.0201 Ha forest land for Construction of 4G Mobile tower under Govt. of India – Department of Telecommunications – Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) for provision of 4G Mobile service at Jagathraopeta village, Mahabubabad Division, falling in Mahabubabad District, in favour of the General Manager, BSNL, Telangana, under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

1. General Conditions

S. No	Conditions
1.1	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged

1.2	The User Agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the compensatory afforestation, at the current wage rate, to the State Forest Department. The CA scheme may include afforestation of indigenous species with appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years;
1.3	The compensatory afforestation scheme, as approved, shall be implemented by the State Forest Department at the project cost within a period of three years from the date of grant of 'Final' approval;
1.4	The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India;
1.5	Compensatory levies, to be realized from the User Agency, in lieu of diversion of forest land, shall be transferred/ deposited, through e-payment module (https://parivesh.nic.in/) of PARIVESH, into the concerned account of State/UT CAMPA, managed by the National Authority (CAMPA);
1.6	The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required
1.7	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the User Agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;
1.8	Demarcation of the proposed forest area to be diverted shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters by the User Agency prior to execution of work in consultation with the DFO/DCF concerned and report compliance. The SFD shall not hand over the diverted forest land to the UA till the forest land diverted is demarcated with RCC pillars on the field is completed. ATR in this regard may be submitted to the RO.
1.9	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government
1.10	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government
1.11	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal
1.12	The User Agency shall ensure that because of this project, no damage is caused to the wildlife available in the area;
1.13	The user agency shall explore the possibility of translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;
1.14	The cost of felling of trees, if any, shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department;
1.15	Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate with the approval of competent authority in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife;
1.16	The State Government, before issuing the final diversion order, shall ensure that the user agency has complied with all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s), including compliance of Forest Rights Act, 2006, pertaining to this project, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project. The forest land shall not be handed over to the UA until the RoFR settlement is completed.

1.17	Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.16 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of Comprehensive Guidelines of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter dated 29.12.2023.
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2. Standard conditions

S. No	Conditions
2.1	N/A

3. Specific Conditions

S. No	Conditions
3.1	The KML file of the forest area to be diverted and CA area shall be uploaded on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details and same shall be submitted along with GPS id.
3.2	The Electromagnetic radiations (EMR) from the towers should be within the permissible limits stipulated by the concerned authority and the user agency shall submit the data on the EMR from each of the towers every six months to the forest department. To prevent high radiation fields, no new towers should be constructed within 1 km of existing towers
3.3	Security lighting for on ground facilities should be minimized and as far as possible, point down wards or be down-shielded to avoid birds hits.
3.4	Given the increased threat of wildlife including tiger poaching due to the towers, the user agency i.e. BSNL should provide call data records as and when required to the forest department of KB Asifabad district to facilitate investigation of forest offenses
3.5	The State Government shall raise 100 plants and maintain (for the specific period as per the provision of FC rules 2023) in the degraded forest land identified at Comp.No.73, Lingagiri Beat,Bayaram Section and Range of Mahabubabad division at the cost of the User Agency. The CA shall be carried out as per the time line provided in the FC Rules 2023
3.6	The conditions proposed by the DFO/SFD regarding wireless network and repeater stations etc may be imposed by the State Government while permitting the diversion of forest land in this case.
3.7	The User Agency shall provide CA-NFL area for compensatory afforestation in lieu of the forest area diverted, if applicable, based on the final outcome in the WP No.1164/2023 in the Hon'ble Supreme Court. An undertaking from the user agency may be obtained in this regard.

6. The Nodal Officer shall be responsible for obtaining the compliance of all the conditions laid down in the Stage-II (final) approval accorded under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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